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WATER HARVESTING
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any direction or guidelines to States for promotion of rain water/ water harvesting ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated for the same to each State during each of the last three years and thereafter ;

(d) whether the Union Government proposes to set up Water Regulatory Authority for better water management in States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b) Ministry of Water Resources has requested all the concerned States/Uts for adoption of artificial recharge to ground water and promotion of rain water harvesting in all the over-exploited areas and ensure inclusion of roof top rain water harvesting in the Building Bye-Laws. The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources, has prepared and circulated manual and guidelines on Artificial Recharge to Ground Water covering investigation techniques for selection of sites, planning and design of artificial recharge structures, economic evalution and monitoring of recharge facility.

(c) A demonstrative scheme on `Rain Water Harvesting and Artificial Recharge to Ground Water` is being implemented by the CGWB at a total cost of Rs. 5.95 crores for 8 identified areas of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. However, State-wise allocations are not made.

(d) No, Sir. However, the report on Mid-Term Appraisal of X Plan has recommended that States should set up water regulators.

(e) Does not arise.